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Jennifer Manner  
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Dear Ms. Manner:

This letter is in response to your recent telephone inquiry, in which you sought additional information concerning the February 8, 2012, filing by the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Operator Advisory Committee (OAC) in PS Docket 06-229, regarding its selection of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to serve as the common numbering administrator required under the Bureau's January Order. You asked for more details with respect to the Office of Emergency Communications' (OEC) facilitation of OAC's selection of SAIC, specifically concerning how OEC provides support for SAIC's performance as this numbering administrator.

As you are aware, OEC provides technical assistance to States, Tribal Nations, and local jurisdictions to promote the operability and interoperability of public safety communications. Under its technical assistance program, OEC has provided support to the OAC, the formal organization of the waiver jurisdictions that are acting as early builders of the nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

OEC's technical assistance program is implemented in part through an Inter-Agency-Agreement with the Department of the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) for the delivery of a number of services. SPAWAR, in turn, has a current contract with SAIC for a range of services, some of which are used in OEC's technical assistance program. OEC determined that SAIC's provision of numbering administration services to the OAC jurisdictions would fall within the scope of its technical assistance program generally, as well as its existing Inter-Agency-Agreement and the underlying SAIC contract. Thus, OEC will utilize the existing Inter-Agency Agreement and underlying SAIC contract to support SAIC's provision of numbering administration services to the OAC jurisdictions. OEC has identified appropriated funding for its technical assistance program sufficient to support the activities required under the Bureau's January Order for a period of at least one year.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Essid', written in a cursive style.

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